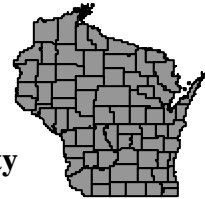


Wisconsin Behavioral Risk Factor Survey, 2001 **Fact Sheet: Characteristics of Adults Current Smokers by Race/Ethnicity**



The Behavioral Risk Factor Survey (BRFS) is a representative, statewide telephone survey of Wisconsin household residents 18 years and older. Results are based on self-reports from respondents who are selected through a stratified random sample. The survey was implemented by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Bureau of Health Information in cooperation with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Survey sampling and interviewing were conducted by the University of Wisconsin Survey Center.

Characteristic	Weighted Prevalence (%)*			Sample Size (n)		
	White	Black	Hispanic	White	Black	Hispanic
Total Sampled in Wisconsin				2867	240	330
Current Smoker	23.5	24.9	23.4	669	65	81
Age						
18-24	31.8	NA	36.9	235	31	67
25-44	29.7	31.9	21.9	1172	115	175
45-64	21.5	29.0	20.5	931	62	66
65+	5.9	NA	NA	521	29	20
Gender						
Male	23.8	27.5	30.2	1279	69	181
Female	21.9	23.4	15.3	1588	171	149
Education						
Less than High School	32.9	NA	17.9	205	57	108
High School Diploma/GED	27.5	31.7	29.1	988	77	109
Some College	26.4	19.2	34.5	827	70	68
College Graduate+	10.4	NA	NA	845	36	43
Employment						
Employed for Wages	27.4	24.7	32.9	1918	145	247
Unemployed	43.4	NA	NA	76	22	12
Homemaker	12.0	NA	NA	169	8	25
Student	23.8	NA	NA	107	19	16
Retired	8.4	NA	NA	564	45	24
Household Income						
Less than \$24,999	23.4	34.5	28.0	610	104	109
\$25,000-\$49,999	26.4	20.0	22.2	1121	80	134
\$50,000+	20.4	NA	NA	886	26	55
Marital Status						
Married	18.3	NA	16.8	1564	59	173
Unmarried	30.3	28.8	29.6	1298	180	157

*Results are weighted to account for both nonresponse and sample design, and to adjust for the age-sex distribution of Wisconsin's population.

NA: Sample sizes of less than 60 do not represent enough of the population to present an accurate prevalence of current smoking. Thus, these values are not reported.

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